



## WHAT IS VISION 2050?

- Vision 2050 is an 18-month project to develop a master plan for the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) that supports and enhances the future mission of the San Antonio region.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) encourages airports to develop master plans approximately every ten years. SAT's last master plan was completed in 1998 and included the Airport Expansion Program under construction now. The FAA is funding approximately 95 percent of the Vision 2050 Airport Master Plan.
- Vision 2050 will include a specific master plan for the next 20 years of the airport's growth to ensure the airport's site and facilities can accommodate demand and activity through 2050.
- The master plan will look at the airport's role in the region and how it best serves as an engine for economic growth, enhances trade relationships, facilitates an integrated multimodal transportation system and protects the region's natural, historical and cultural resources.
- The master plan will be a community-driven plan, guided by approximately 100 people on three advisory committees that represent a broad cross-section of the San Antonio community. Committee members include representatives of government, business, military, tourism, transportation, environment, real estate, neighborhoods and the arts.

## WHY IS VISION 2050 IMPORTANT?

- San Antonio International Airport is the front door to our city. The airport is a key link between our region and the world economy.
- The airport serves our hospitality industry, a critical economic engine for San Antonio. Air travel contributed significantly to the hospitality industry's estimated \$11 billion in economic impact in 2008.



- SAT experienced a record number of passengers in 2008 and a record number of destinations served by nonstop flights before the global recession reduced overall air travel demand in 2009.
- The airport's role will become even greater in the near future, with the influx of thousands of military personnel and their families through Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 and the continued growth of the medical sector in San Antonio.
- San Antonio International Airport is user-funded and uses no local taxes to operate and maintain the facilities. People who use the Airport pay for the operations and improvements.

## HOW WILL VISION 2050 BE DEVELOPED?

- Vision 2050 will be conducted by a project team led by AECOM and will be guided by three advisory committees:
  - **Ad Hoc Regional Advisory Committee** is a policy-oriented group that will advise on the future of the San Antonio region and the vision that the Airport should have to support the region's future.
  - **Technical Advisory Committee** includes stakeholders that have a particular technical knowledge or orientation that can contribute to the development of the Vision 2050 Airport Master Plan.
  - **Community Advisory Committee** includes members of the Airport Advisory Commission, neighborhood leaders, business leaders and leaders of special interest groups who will offer input on historical, community and regional information that will be considered in creating the Vision 2050 Airport Master Plan.
- The master plan will begin with an analysis of existing conditions at SAT. The aviation industry has changed substantially since the 1998 master plan. This task provides a baseline for use in developing the master plan.
- The team will develop forecasts of future aviation demand, which will be submitted to the FAA.



- Forecasted activity levels will be compared with the capacity of existing facilities and those under development to determine whether they can accommodate future levels of demand.
- The team will also look at functional and operational issues to determine whether the existing capacity is being used efficiently. The goal is balance the system to ensure that there are approximately equal levels of capacity in the airfield, passenger terminals and ground transportation facilities.
- The team will then develop alternatives – different ways to solve capacity shortfalls and operational concerns. The favorability of the alternatives will be measured by using a sustainability-based analysis – which solution is the most economically feasible, operationally efficient, uses the least amount of natural resources and has the most amount of social and community benefit?
- The recommended alternative will result in a three-phased capital improvements program that will outline the next 5, 10 and 20 years of the airport's growth.
- The team will also develop the financial feasibility of implementing the capital improvements program.
- Final documentation will include a narrative report and an airport layout plan that will be submitted to the FAA for approval.
- Each phase of Vision 2050 will be presented to the three advisory committees; input from the committees will be incorporated into the master plan.
- Notes, presentations, press releases and other documentation from Vision 2050 will be posted on the airport's web site, <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Aviation/>, for public view.
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